

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting of December 7, 2009

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Pamela Jeane, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Matt Vail, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Diane Lesko, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Steve Dittmer, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
David Keller, FOER
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
J. Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Dawna Gallagher
John Rosenblum
Dave Smith, Merritt Smith
Linda Berg, EMF Safety Network
Colleen Fernald

1. Check In:

Chris DeGabriele, Chairman of TAC North Marin Water District, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Water Conservation Subcommittee

- a) Common Water Conservation Message - Chris DeGabriele stated that the Water Conservation Subcommittee met November 9, 2009, to follow up on the WAC request for a common water conservation message. The message included the expectation of future water restrictions due to environmental compliance activities. Customers are encouraged to continue water conservation. Brenda Adelman, public, suggested the elimination of the phrase “this past summer” in the wording. Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District moved to adopt the Common Water Conservation Message. Mike Ban, City of Petaluma, seconded the motion. All approved. This Message will be put to the WAC for adoption at the February 2010 WAC TAC meeting.
- b) Consistent Commercial Water Conservation Programs – Subcommittee met to discuss working on a regional new commercial development matrix. The Sonoma County Water Agency recommends using the Model Landscape Ordinance and new legislation (SB X7-7). Dawna Gallagher, public, praised The Town of Windsor for their efforts in eliminating front lawns in landscaping of new home construction. No action was required on this agenda item, it was informational only.
- c) Temporary Urgency Change Reporting Follow-up – Pam Jeane, SCWA, advised there will be a Board Meeting, on December 15, 2009, and a verbal report will be given on the fisheries, water conservation, recreation and water quality. Confirmation has been sent out to all the contractors to verify conservation numbers and if incorrect, they are to let SCWA know by December 23, 2009, to make changes before submission to the State Board. Jared Huffman will be attending the January 15, 2010 Sonoma County Board meeting and follow with a tour. WAC TAC members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Mike Ban, Petaluma, asked if the SCWA has a schedule for the Temporary Urgency Change. Grant Davis responded that no new information has come forth.
- d) Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership – Chris DeGabriele introduced the draft of the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership Joint Powers Agreement. Note: SCWA is not a partner since they chose not to execute the last version. Darren Jenkins asked if it could be amended so that if only some contractors sign then it would still apply to them. The subcommittee will consider this. Comment was made from a member of the public, Is it a weighted vote and how would it reflect if all contractors did not enter into it?

4. Water Supply Coordinating Council:

Chris DeGabriele introduced the summary meeting of the Water Supply Coordination Council, consisting of Paul Kelly, Grant Davis, Jake Mackenzie, Susan Gorin, Chris DeGabriele and Krishna Kumar. It was recommended that a summary of these meetings be presented to the WAC TAC as well as the public. Several members of the public,

Dawna Gallagher and David Keller, expressed their disagreement that the public is not invited to attend the meetings. Meetings will be held monthly with the next meeting following this TAC meeting.

5. UWMP 2010 Assumptions and Path Forward:

In discussions with the SCWA's General Manager, Randy Poole, he asked that the Contractors put forth their assumptions in developing the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The Contractors propose to hire a consultant, Maddaus Water Management, to assist in developing the base year and future water demand calculations. Other consultants may be considered. Mike Ban raised a question regarding deadlines on UWMP and a six month extension. Glen Wright answered that federal funding may not be available if extension is filed. Brenda Adelman, public, asked if the smaller contractors will be doing their own UWMP or if they will have to follow the others. Chris DeGabriele said he thought they should each have to do it with the exception of Cotati because they have fewer than 3000 connections.

6. Budget Subcommittee:

The Budget Subcommittee met twice. The desire is to have all budget deliberations concluded for the February WAC TAC meeting.

7. Biological Opinion Status Update:

Matt Vail gave a presentation on the Mirabel Fish screen replacement project. He detailed the proposed project including a diversion structure, possible replacement of drums and screens, and a viewing chamber or bay. The next steps would be a request for a proposal for engineer design, permit process and CEQA documentation preparation. A question was raised from the public, David Keller, as to the expected mortality of the protected species. This will be studied. Darren Jenkins suggested deleting the viewing chamber to save costs for rate payers and to use cameras instead which would accomplish the same thing. Grant Davis responded saying they are holding out hope for the viewing chamber and hoping to get Federal Funding for the chamber for educational purposes. A comment was made from David Keller, that he would like to see in the Environmental Impact Report that the aquifer be naturally rebuilt, gravel mining resisted, and all parties notified for scoping.

8. 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule:

Chris DeGabriele said they are optimistic that a budget will be developed by February or they will need to have another WAC TAC meeting. Mike Ban made a motion to move the January meeting to the 11th due to holiday schedules. Grant Davis mentioned the Washington DC presentations will be at the same time as the WAC meeting. Motion was seconded by Richard Burtt. All voted in favor of changing the January meeting to the 11th. Richard Burtt asked if there could be quarterly budget updates. Krishna Kuhmar said a quarterly budget update is possible. This could be a regular item on the WAC TAC agenda.

Brenda Adelman, public, feels there are secret meetings and items are slipping through when the public should have input as well as a lack of notice to the public about meetings that could be noticed.

Chris DeGabriele responded that there are meetings outside the TAC and WAC but an honest attempt is made to distribute all the information to everyone. He reviewed the functions of the committees, TAC is technical and WAC is policy. Miles Ferris reiterated that SCWA has an excellent home page that is updated regularly. Grant Davis acknowledged Brad Sherwood for his work in keeping the current information out there.

Brenda Adelman, public, raised a question regarding the UWMP and Water supply issues. Grant Davis acknowledged the lawsuit in process. Jack Mackenzie said of the UWMP that each contractor will have their own discussions. Meetings will be noticed. Dawna Gallagher, public, asked which items will be discussed? Jake Mackenzie responded that they will report back on the meetings.

Colleen Fernald, public, remarked that her comments are not making it to the minutes and her name is being scratched from the minutes. She wants it noted that her comments should be noted in the records.

9. Items for Next Agenda

- Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
- UWMP 2010

10. Check Out

Toni Bertolero advised there was a meeting with Sonoma representatives and Supervisor Carrillo on the 25th about more collaboration and dialogue between all parties involved. The process for the General Manager recruitment was discussed and it was also suggested there be further discussion with Supervisor Brown.

Paul Heliker met with the State Water Board regarding the desalination program. Pros and cons of the program were discussed and it was concluded that there was no need for the program at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.